

**BAKERSFIELD, CA** - Congressman Jim Costa (D-Fresno) announced today he will host a Homebuyer and Foreclosure Prevention Fair on Saturday, November 3rd. Agencies providing information at the fair include Housing and Urban Development, ACORN Housing, Consumer Credit Counseling Services, and local banks and Realtors. The workshop will be held on Saturday, November 3rd, at the Richard Prado East Bakersfield Senior Center, 2101 Ridge Road, Bakersfield, CA 93307, from 9:00am to noon.

"Home ownership has been part of the American Dream for years, and homebuyers today have many questions regarding down payments, credit checks, or programs for those with low to moderate incomes," Costa said. "In addition, foreclosures are becoming too familiar for homeowners. I am hopeful this event will ease fears that many first time homebuyers may experience."

The informational fair is free and open to the public. For more information, please call Congressman Costa's Bakersfield District Office at (661) 869-1620.